

Established February 1848.

PRICE, \$2.50 PER MONTH.

Business Notices

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.
By special request the
HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMA CLUB
will give an extra performance of
'Les Cloches de Corneville'

on
Saturday, March 6th, 1897.
This will be positively the last performance of the Opera.

Curtain rises at 8.30 p.m.
Doors open at 9 p.m., precisely.

Prices as usual.
The Booking Office at the Theatre will be open on Saturday.

THURSDAY, 4th March, at 10 a.m.
Late Trains & hour after fall of Curlew.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 1, 1897.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SANTON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DIBOUTI,
BOYPT, MANZAR, MADAGASCAR AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

also
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant at Noon, the Company's Steamship **OCEANIC**, Captain SCHMITZ, with MALES, PASSENGERS, STORES, and CARGO, will leave the Port for MAIL-SEILLES via Port of Call, without Transshipment.

Cargo and parcels will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th Instant, at the 16th Instant. (Parcel or not to be sent by sea, they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Quantities and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, March 3, 1897.

Interactions.

PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS Commodious and Well-appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,200 feet above sea-level, has just been thoroughly re-decorated, renovated and re-furnished, and a NEW WING has been built, which commands magnificent Views of the Harbour and mainland of China.

For further Particulars, apply to
THE MANAGER.
New Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, November 24, 1896.

WINDSOR HOTEL, HONGKONG.

THIS Establishment, situated in the elegant Building known as 'CON-NAUGHT HOUSE,' offers First-Class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers.

Passenger Elevator from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant.

Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

P. BOHM,
Proprietor and Manager.
Hongkong, November 24, 1894.

THOMAS'S GRILL-ROOM.

THIS Establishment has undergone extensive alterations. The DINING ROOM being now upstairs, and a Large BILLIARD ROOM (having Two New Billiard Tables and Waxed Tables) being added to the Hotel.

A French Chef having been engaged the Cuisine will be second to none.

ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNERS.
Entrances:—Lee Jooan Lane, Queen's Road, and Duddell Street.

FREDERICK BISHOP,
Manager.
THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.

NEW VICTORIA HOTEL.

ROTISSERIE.

Made à la Carte.

CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., etc., at any time, between 7.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.

Monthly Boarders at Moderate Rates.
Madar & Farmer,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 3, 1895.

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.

W. QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
CHADWICK K.W.
(Late of Port & Noble.)
Hongkong, December 19, 1896.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fourteenth Ordinary General Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 22nd Instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 4, 1897.

OLIVERS FRESHOLD MINES LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CALL of \$1.50 per share on B shares numbered

26001/26050, 26051/26143, 26144/26343, 26344/26500, 26501/26793, 26794/26943, 26944/27043, 27044/27293, 27294/27493, 27494/27693, 27694/27893, 27894/28093, 28094/28293, 28294/28493, 28494/28693, 28694/28893, 28894/29093, 29094/29293, 29294/29493, 29494/29693, 29694/29893, 29894/30093, 30094/30293, 30294/30493, 30494/30693, 30694/30893, 30894/31093, 31094/31293, 31294/31493, 31494/31693, 31694/31893, 31894/32093, 32094/32293, 32294/32493, 32494/32693, 32694/32893, 32894/33093, 33094/33293, 33294/33493, 33494/33693, 33694/33893, 33894/34093, 34094/34293, 34294/34493, 34494/34693, 34694/34893, 34894/35093, 35094/35293, 35294/35493, 35494/35693, 35694/35893, 35894/36093, 36094/36293, 36294/36493, 36494/36693, 36694/36893, 36894/37093, 37094/37293, 37294/37493, 37494/37693, 37694/37893, 37894/38093, 38094/38293, 38294/38493, 38494/38693, 38694/38893, 38894/39093, 39094/39293, 39294/39493, 39494/39693, 39694/39893, 39894/40093, 40094/40293, 40294/40493, 40494/40693, 40694/40893, 40894/41093, 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Huon's Surprise Party opens in Hongkong on the 20th inst. (Saturday.)

The Yorkville minstrels gave a performance at Shanghai on the 27th Feb.

It is reported that Lasker and Tchigorin will play a match at St. Petersburg for 4000 roubles a-side and the chess championship of the world.

A well-known resident of Yokohama, an American, recalls a visit to Japan by the famous Capt. Mahan, of the U.S. Navy, when he formed one of a court to try the officer responsible for the loss of the U.S.S. *Albatross* on the East Lammock, near Swatow, on Feb. 18, 1893.

In the return cricket match, H. K. C. C. v. The Garrison, the Club will be represented by the following team:—P. A. Cox, T. Sercombe Smith, E. Maer, A. Mackenzie, H. Arthur, A. G. Ward, L. Allenby, R.N., R. F. Lammer, Commander Hattings, R.N., K. W. Mounsey, and A. N. Other.

The usual bowling competition, which has been going on for years between the members of the Hongkong Club and the Club Germania, will take place on Friday and Saturday next. The match games are played on the alleys of both Clubs, and the Teams are as follows:—H. K. Club:—Messrs S. Hainich, A. M. Marshall, A. G. Morris, Captain Dyson, A. M. Thomson, R. W. Skelton, R.N., F. Matland, and E. W. Matland. The team from the German Club is as follows:—Messrs P. Sudhaus, Ch. Lammer, P. Spindel, A. Rombach, C. Broderson, G. Engel, O. Wagoner, and E. Thoenert.

It is most comforting to learn that the Indian who lost his money on Tuesday whilst embarking on a steamer would find a friend on board the Calcutta steamer with whom he could mutually sympathize. A time-expired man of the Hongkong Regiment went to a money changer's shop at 115 Queen's Road Central to change the money he had received as his deferred pay. He asked the changer to supply him with silver for \$100 note, and while the money was being counted out he held the note in his hand. A crafty Chinaman who had been waiting his opportunity made a dash from behind and pulled the note out of the Indian's hand. The Indian and other two friends gave chase up Gilmore Street and the coolie's flight was stopped by a Police constable. It was discovered, however, on searching the coolie, that he had either done away with the note or passed it on to an accomplice. No trace of the note could be found. At the Magistrate's yesterday, the coolie was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. It is gratifying to learn that the Indian did not lose his all, as he carries with him a sum of \$200.

VISITS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon:—H.M.S. Princess Wilhelm, Kiangnan, Magistrate, H.M.S. Centurion, Tientsin, Daphne.

Cosmopolitan—Guthrie.

Abandon.—(None).

PIRAT: Mord Lopez, Victim (fine model), Mandoline, and Strings of all kinds. W. Robinson & Co.

A fire broke out on the 27th Feb. on board the steamer *St. George* (formerly the *Yungto*) at Shanghai. Through the overheating of the galley stove pipe the upper deck caught fire and from the deck volumes of smoke that rose it was feared at first that it was a serious affair. It was, however, extinguished in about half an hour, before any great damage had been done.

Among the Odds and Ends in the February *Osborne Magazine* appears a characteristic Scotch story—not new, perhaps, but well worthy of reproduction. An old farmer and his ploughman were eating and from the seashore at St. Andrews. They were behind the target on the ridge, but hidden by a bank of sand from a party of Volunteers who were then on foot, as practice. A stray bullet struck the ploughman on the leg, and he immediately dropped, exclaiming, "I'm shot!" Without more ado the farmer scrambled up the bank, and waving his hand to the Volunteers, shouted, "Hey, lad, stop that will ye! You've shot a man, and it might have been the horse!"

The *Penny Gazette* of the 22nd Feb. says:—It is reported that there is a big fight last night on board the *Chelidra*, now in harbour on her voyage from China to India and having on board men of the Hongkong regiment on their way home. The men began between five of the Indians, Mohammedans, and the Chinese Telegraph. One of the former is said to have been killed, and three are reported to be wounded. Eleven Chinese have been arrested and taken up at the Police Station, and all the Indians and the remainder of the Chinese crew have been brought ashore and are now detained at the Police Office. The prisoners will be brought before a magistrate to-morrow. Meanwhile the *Chelidra* will probably be detained in harbour.

We learn from the *Korean Shogyo Nippo* that a letter carrier, aged twenty, in the employ of the Tokyo Post and Telegraph Office, was arrested on Sunday last charged with a violation of the Postal Regulations. It is related to know that this "innocent" had not been engaged on the 2nd inst. He soon obtained a reputation among his chiefs for diligence, for unlike other new comers he never brought back a letter on the plea that the address could not be found. In fact, his whereabouts was a pleasant surprise to the officials who imagined they had captured a postman. This public reputation was soon broken, however, for it was found that he had delivered letters like the rest, but instead of having burnt them to avoid the shame which the return of the letters to his superiors would have caused, he had sent any more delivered and sent in the return of the Tokyo Post Office, he was arrested.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the "China Mail.")

LONDON, March 2, 1897.

THE NIGER EXPEDITION.

A column of the Niger Company's forces has captured Harin.

THE BRITISH NAVAL PROGRAMME.

The Naval programme for the year provides for fourteen new ships, including four battle-ships, and an increase of 6,000 men.

THE POWERS, TURKEY AND CRETE.

The Powers have presented a Collective Note to Constantinople, and an identical one to Athens, declaring that the Government of Crete shall be autonomous under the suzerainty of the Sultan, and demanding that the Greek forces shall evacuate Crete within six days.

Lord Salisbury in the House of Lords stated that the Powers had agreed to the withdrawal of Turkish troops from Crete.

Mr Curzon, in the House of Commons, said that a union between Crete and Greece was impossible in face of the present attitude of the Powers.

(Special Telegrams to the "N. C. Daily News.")

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM PEKING.

The Imperial Government have decided to order four more armored cruisers, two fast cruisers, and several torpedo destroyers, English type. This is owing to the great increase made recently in the navy of our neighbours. China will not order any large vessels of over 10,000 tons as she has neither harbours nor docks suitable for them.

The programme for some years to come will be to order vessels of 8,000 tons, 40 so. The reinforcements made at the expense of the Empress and Emperor are to be devoted towards strengthening the new navy. There are indications of H.E. Li Hsiungchang coming into fuller power soon, but there are still many attempts made to undermine his position. The reinforcements made at the expense of the Empress and Emperor are to be devoted towards strengthening the new navy. There are indications of H.E. Li Hsiungchang coming into fuller power soon, but there are still many attempts made to undermine his position.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

By the Editor of the "China Mail."

The Peak, Hongkong, March 4.

Sir,—I venture to think you would be doing many residents at the Peak and their sitting friends a great service if you could find space for these few lines in your valuable columns.

In the unpleasant damp and foggy weather that prevails as a rule at the Peak, it is often necessary to engage an outside chair, but even so, one is not bound to take a chair; but if the chair is to be hired, surely the hire should receive some consideration—enforced, if not voluntary.

It is needless for me to make further suggestions, and it is always objectionable to have to make complaint, and for out-lets for capitalists their supercilious wealth.

Trusting this will meet with the notice of the Powers that, and will receive their attention,—I am, yours truly,

P. K. (I hope it may be found possible to communicate with a small portion of the money voted for the new road at the Peak to the building of a more substantial structure than the makeshift for the chairs and cobbles to be sheltered in close proximity to the tram.

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Volunteering in Hongkong.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, March 3.

Sir,—I have just read with little amusement the suggestion of "Ex-Volunteer" to send a detachment of Volunteers to London (or somewhere) to represent the Colony at the coronation of the Queen.

By all means, let the Colony send a detachment to assist England in celebrating the Queen's record reign. The Colony is simply rolling in wealth. Its officials do not know what to do with the surplus that has been falling in from the various departments and ratepayers are too highly burdened, and could easily bear an increase in the taxation without collapsing. Besides, what does it matter if they do cry out? What are their whines? It is the privilege of sending a dozen Hongkong Volunteers to a right-down, regular, royal time of it in the "little village." What an advertisement it would be for the Colony, and its local industries, its "openings" for young men in search of employment, and for outlets for capitalists their supercilious wealth.

There is, I hold, no comparison between Hongkong and the Colonies of Canada and Australia, which are serving useful purposes in sending men home to represent their labour-saving and capital-hungry waste places. Hongkong is not Canada or New South Wales; Hongkong is not likely to benefit by holidaying a dozen young fellows for six months. We spend enough holidays in the Colony, and let us put the blame where it belongs. Let it be at this latest proposal of "Ex-Volunteer" with his "modest \$25." If any of the Shipping Companies, for the Glory of Old England and as an advertisement for themselves, are willing to grant free passages for passengers at rates far below the Hongkong rates, and willing to board and lodge them during the holiday, I believe the Colony would be willing to fall in with "Ex-Volunteer's" suggestion, and send a detachment to represent the Colony at the coronation of the Queen.

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130.	Aberdeen, Vapor Mills.	77.	Do. Praya Central.
40.	Anderson, Capt., East Point.	69.	Do. Residence.
24.	Anderson, On, Praya Central.	37.	Humphreys, J. D., Residence.
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	B		
158.	Beck, J. M., Residence.	108.	Kaw Eeng Taka
143.	Bell Asbestos Co.	64.	Kennedy, J., Causeway Bay.
172.	Benjamin S. S., Residence.	64.	Do. do. Hoong Repository.
		107.	Kim Fat Hong.
		141.	Kingsford, J. W., Office.
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148. —Montana, Kelly & Potts.	01. —Lantz & Rogge.
70. —Neumann Co., Residence.	07. Lane, Crawford & Co.
65. —Blackhead & Co.	117. —Land Investment Co.
65. —Blackhead, F., Residence.	829. —Layton, B., Office.
65. —Bradley & Co.	86. —Do., Residence.
154. —Brick Co., Deep Water Bay.	17. —Loigh and Orange.
122. —Burnie, & Goddard Capts.	
39. —Butterfield & Swire, Peak Residence.	

3.	36A.—	Do.	do. Quarry Bay.	108.—	Man Chuen Yuen.
	18.—	Do.	do. Shipping Office.	98.—	Man On Insurance Co.
	39.—	Do.	do. Sugar Office.	113.—	Marty, A. R.
			C	112.—	Melchare & Co.
1.	75.—	Caldbeck,	Macgregor & Co.	131.—	Meyer & Co.
	42.—	Canadian	Empire-Bulkways Co.		

114.—Meyer & Co., Godown.
124.—Meyer & Co., North Point.
157.—Michaelsen, St. C., Residence.
155.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

122.—China Club Residence,	126.—Nam Tai Insurance Co.
123.—Ohan Mail Office.	5.—Nan Wo & Co.
124.—China Super Bakery, East Point.	146.—National Bank.
71.—do. do. Town Office.	108.—Naval Yard.
100.—Chow Fung Shing, Residence.	
OLUBS.	
143.—Club Germania.	110.—Opium Factory.
11.—Club, Hongkong.	40.—Opium Farm.
116.—Do. Lusitano.	174.—Oberon E., Residence.
10.—Do. Pensk.	
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	173.—Palmer and Turner.

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to 168.—Colonial Secretary.
to 193.—Com. Union Assurance Co.
an- 20—Compagnie D. Laporte & Co., Office.
na- 88.—Do. do.
sea 72.—Constant J. B., Office.

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to 12.—Daily Press' Office.
an- 85.—Dairy Farm Offices.
sea 87.—Dairy Farm Pk-foc-lum.

19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
69.—P. & O. Mess, Peak,
147.—Phylos G. W. F., Residence,
16.—Police Station, Central.

R

3A.—Ray, E. C., Residence.
61.—Ray and Davis.
102.—R. E. Guard Room.
104.—R. E. Mens.

121.—Daisy, W.	140.—R. uter, Brecklenz & Co.
122.—Do, "Residence.	141.—Richardson, R. L. Residence.
123.—Do, " "	142.—Ritchie, H. A. Residence.
124.—Detective Dept. (Chinese).	143.—Ritchie, H. A. Residence.
125.—Do, " "	144.—Rope Factory.
126.—Do, " "	145.—Ross, A. Residence.
DOCTORS.	
80.—Dr. Atkinson, Residence.	13.—Sachse, P. Residence.
108.—Dr. Clark, Residence.	42.—Sailor's Home.
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135.—Gauze, Price & Co.	16.—Watson A. S., & Co.
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The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is correctly and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

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3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

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3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

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